

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APRIL 20, 2015

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, April 20, 2015 with Commissioners Bruce Levi, Mark Bacon and Paul Wilkinson, Mary Ann Beard Auditor and Attorney Leigh Morning in attendance.

Commissioner Bruce Levi called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the April 6th meeting were approved on a motion by Mark Bacon. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion.

EMA

EMA director Chuck Kemker reported that new repeaters have been purchased for Posey and Manilla Fire Departments. A letter of support for application for frequencies classified as Public Safety pool channels were signed on a motion by Paul Wilkinson and seconded by Mark Bacon. Motion carried.

Kemker stated that the Commissioners have an appointment to District 10 Planning Council that meets once a month in Muncie. Mark Bacon moved to table the appointment to the next meeting.

EXTENSION

Kristi Amos reported that the 2015 Rush County Fair books are ready. Amos also stated that the 4-H Horse and Pony Club have a plan in place for the maintenance and insurance of the Horse Park.

COUNTY TIMBER

Commissioner Mark Bacon had been approached by a representative from Pike Lumber to harvest timber on the Rush County Farm. An estimate of 40 to 50 trees could be sold at approximately \$1,500 to \$2,000. Commissioner Levi stated that allowing a timber sale would be premature, but the concern of ash borer disease should be checked with the State Forester.

WIND FARM

Attorney LeighMorning reported that negotiations with APEX for the Flat Rock Wind LLC project were advancing very slowly. Currently there is no road agreement, the economic agreement is 90-95% complete, there are problems with the decommission agreement and there is no parent company guarantee. Commissioner Paul Wilkinson will represent the county at the BZA meeting on May 7th. Rush and Henry Counties are working together on questions of drainage and set back.

Commissioner Levi stated that we must learn from the recent default of the tax abatement with Pioneer Hi-Bred and thanked Leigh Morning for her diligence in negotiating the wind farm contracts.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jim Cowan reported the inmate count at 31 of which 5 are Department of Correction prisoners. There is currently 499 outstanding arrest warrants and dispatch answered 453 calls last week. Cowan stated the final treatment to eradicate bed bugs is scheduled for Wednesday.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Attorney Leigh Morning presented the Warranty deed for the purchase of the Rush/Shelby Energy building on South Main St, the assignment of rent agreement, the lease agreement for the fiber hut and the sales disclosure form. Mark Bacon moved to sign the above documents. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton was granted permission to hire Tyler Snow for the fulltime custodian position on a motion by Paul Wilkinson and a second by Mark Bacon. Sitton reported that a tree on the property of Willie and Viola Ward fell across the road in Milroy. Sitton will attempt to locate the homeowner to recoup the cost of removing the tree.

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

A resolution was signed by the Commissioners requesting Governor Mike Pence to establish a Regional Planning Commission as provided in the laws of the State of Indiana. Paul Wilkinson moved to sign the resolution. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Commissioners then appointed Mayor Mike Pavey to serve as the Rush County representative on the newly formed commission.

COURTHOUSE REPAIRS

The auditor reported that an invoice was received from Wellman Brothers roof repair for labor and materials that were not included in the contract. Commissioner Levi will make contact with Blair Walls of Wellman Brothers to discuss this issue and an annual contract for roof inspection.

QPH Plumbing & Heating submitted a quote for repairs to the chiller in the amount of \$2,390. The Commissioners agreed that the repairs are needed for our cooling season.

Judge Hill appeared to request permission to proceed with new carpeting and paint for his courtroom and offices. The auditor will check the Cum Cap budget for these repairs.

AUDITOR

- Emergency Medical Service runs were reported by Carthage Volunteer Fire Department.

- A surety bond was signed for Duane Raab on a motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Paul Wilkinson.
- The Treasurer's report for the month of March was submitted by the Auditor in the Treasurer's absence.

Mark Bacon moved to approve claims as presented. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Payroll claims were approved. Paul Wilkinson made the motion. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Paul Wilkinson moved to adjourn. Mark Bacon seconded the motion.

/s/ Bruce Levi
Bruce Levi, Chairman

/s/ Mark Bacon
Mark Bacon

/s/ Paul Wilkinson
Paul Wilkinson

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor